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Honorable Mark Jansen, Chairperson
Senate Families and Human Services Committee
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan

RE: House Bills 5501, 5502, 5503, 5504

Honorable Chairperson Jansen and committee members:

The Friend of the Court Association of the State of Michigan is pleased to support these important bills which have become components of the 9 bill FOC package passed earlier by the Senate and your committee.

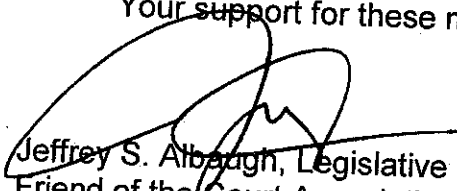
House Bill 5501 amends the Child Custody Act to change the FOC mediation reference to FOC alternate dispute resolution and replaces Senate Bill 101. There appears to be no change in language from SB 101 as it passed the Senate.

House Bill 5502 amends the Office of Child Support Act and replaces SB 104. There appears to be no change in language from SB 104 as it passed the Senate.

House Bill 5503 amends the Motor Vehicle Code and replaces SB 102. Subsection (5) on page 3 was changed by the House committee. As passed the Senate, the provision required a law enforcement officer to regard the FOC issued certificate of compliance as if it were a driver license if presented within 10 days of issuance. The Secretary of State's Office testified to the House committee in opposition to that provision so it was changed to its current language which provides a process for reissuance of a certificate of compliance. There are no other changes from the previously Senate passed language. The FOC Association indicated its support of the new language.

HB 5504 amends the Revised Judicature Act and replaces SB 103. There was no substantive change from the Senate passed language. In the House Bill, the Legislative Service Bureau changed the reference from the now defunct Department of History, Arts and Libraries to the Department of Natural Resources where apparently administration of the records reproduction act is now assigned.

Your support for these measures would be greatly appreciated.



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